

MINUTES ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

Greenville, NC
June 7, 2004

The Greenville City Council met in a regular meeting on the above date at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, third floor of the Municipal Building, with Mayor Robert D. Parrott presiding. The meeting was called to order, followed by the invocation by Mayor Parrott and the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The following were present.

Mayor Robert D. Parrott
Mayor Pro-Tem Ric Miller
Council Member Mildred A. Council
Council Member Ray Craft
Council Member Pat Dunn
Council Member Rose H. Glover
Council Member Chip Little
Marvin W. Davis, City Manager
Wanda T. Elks, City Clerk
David A. Holec, City Attorney

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Council Member Council and seconded by Council Member Dunn to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED

Motion was made by Council Member Council and seconded by Council Member Dunn to approve all the items under the consent agenda as listed below. Motion carried unanimously.

- (1) Minutes of April 20, May 10, and May 13, 2004 City Council meetings and April 20, 2004 Joint City Council/Greenville Utilities Commission meeting
- (2) Ordinance establishing "no parking" zones along East Fourth Street and South Library Street (Ordinance No. 04-58)
- (3) Ordinance establishing controlled residential parking on South Biltmore Street (Ordinance No. 04-59)
- (4) Ordinance establishing a subdivision-wide speed limit of 25 MPH in the North River Estates Neighborhood (Ordinance No. 04-60)
- (5) Municipal agreement with NCDOT for the replacement of Bridge No. 30 over Green Mill Run along SR 1703 (Fourteenth Street) (Contract No. 1330; Resolution No. 04-22)
- (6) Resolution supporting improvements to the Greenville Boulevard-Tenth Street intersection (Resolution 04-18)

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY 2004-05 BUDGETS

City of Greenville

City Manager Marvin Davis gave examples of the growth in Greenville by showing the increases in population, building permits, residential units, street mileage, and non-administrative calls in the past ten years. He stated that the proposed budget helps the City maintain financial integrity and plan with multiple years in mind. It takes the City to the next level, while providing for the continued growth. It includes \$55.7 million in total revenue and expenditures, which is a 2.7% increase over the adjusted FY 2003-04 budget. The biggest impact on the budget is the \$14.8 million certificates of participation (COPS) that were approved by Council. The projects for the COPS include Fire/Rescue Station #6, training center and equipment; administrative facilities renovations and expansion, Carver Library expansion, and park development (Red Oak, Greenfield Terrace and Guy Smith Stadium). The debt service for those projects for ten months is \$944,490. The operating expenses for them are \$183,784, and the personnel for seven months is \$353,831 for a total of \$1,482,405. The general obligation bond projects that are proposed have not been included in the budget. The 5-year Capital Improvement Program requests were \$157 million, of which 44% were met and 56% were unmet.

City Manager Davis continued by stating that there are new positions in the proposed budget to help meet the backlog of needs. Those positions include a Traffic Signal Technician I, Civil Engineer II (for land development), Civil Engineer II (for capital projects), Park Program Assistant, Safety Officer, Accounting Technician II, Tech Support Manager, Information Technology Secretary (1/4), Neighborhood Services Officer, and City Manager. There were 64.75 positions requested, and the proposed budget includes 8.25 recommended over and above those positions needed for the new Fire/Rescue Station #6. The proposed budget also includes the adopted compensation study recommendations, including the 3.9% market adjustment. The operating costs in the budget are 3.5% over those in the FY 2003-04 budget. The budget includes a 3% sales tax growth.

City Manager Davis concluded by explaining that some of the methods used to balance the budget include a 4.4 cents tax increase and using more lease purchase. The current tax revenue without the revaluation would be \$19,117,066, and with the 4.4 cents tax increase, it will be \$20,916,094. The budget provides for growth, responds to service demand, provides compensation for employees, and includes strategic initiatives.

Pitt-Greenville Convention and Visitors Authority

Ms. Debbie Vargas, Executive Director of the Pitt-Greenville Convention and Visitors Authority, explained the growth that the organization has experienced in the past year. The proposed FY 2004-05 budget has a five percent increase over last year. The total budget is \$655,750. It will follow the City and Greenville Utilities Commission on the market adjustments. The Executive Board of the Pitt-Greenville Convention and Visitors Authority unanimously approved the budget on March 9. It also has to be reviewed by Pitt County.

Greenville Utilities Commission

Mr. Ron Elks, Interim General Manager of Greenville Utilities Commission, explained that all funds are balanced for the proposed FY 2004-05 budget. The revenues and expenditures for each of them are as follows:

Electric Fund	\$141,163,500
Water Fund	\$ 10,468,891
Sewer Fund	\$ 11,949,357
Gas Fund	<u>\$ 27,012,781</u>
Total	<u>\$190,594,529</u>

Mr. Elks stated that the FY 2004-05 budget includes no new personnel and no electric or gas rate increase. The budget does include on-line bill presentation and payment, diversity follow-up employee survey, the final phase of the Strategic Plan, website redesign, a combination of the use of rate stabilization for water and sewer and a 4% rate increase for water and sewer. The amount requested in the Water Fund is 7.1% less than in the FY 2003-04 budget, and the amount requested for sewer in the proposed budget is 6.5% less than in FY 2003-04. The factors that impact water include the water treatment plant expansion and upgrade (increased treatment costs and regulatory requirements), continuing debt service, future debt, steady account growth (3.2% over three years), revenue less than forecast, and off-system water sales. Factors impacting sewer include infrastructure needs, increased debt service, regulatory compliance, future debt, account growth (3.85% over 3 years), and off-system wastewater treatment. The long-term strategy is to ensure economic viability of funds, maintain sufficient fund balance, avoid large future rate increases, continue to meet regulatory requirements, and to meet customer needs.

Mr. Elks displayed a residential cost comparison that indicated the following:

- Typical monthly electric bill for the summer months ranged from \$109.60 to \$91.60, with that of Greenville Utilities being \$98.53. The median was \$98.52.
- Typical monthly electric bill for the winter months ranged from \$112.37 to \$81.60, with Greenville Utilities being \$87.96. The median was \$92.36.
- Average monthly residential water bill ranged from \$45.70 to \$18.24, with that of Greenville Utilities being \$21.20. With the proposed increase, the rate for Greenville Utilities would be \$22.05. The median is \$21.79.
- Average monthly residential sewer bill ranged from \$37.95 to \$12.02, with that of Greenville Utilities being \$27.01. With the proposed increase, the rate for Greenville Utilities would be \$27.01. The median is \$28.09.
- Average monthly residential gas bill ranged from \$76.40 to \$58.67, with Greenville Utilities being at \$69.37. The median is \$64.73.

Mr. Elks concluded by stating that the average monthly increase for the typical in-city water residential customer will be \$.85 and for the typical sewer residential customer it will be \$1.08, for a total combined increase of \$1.93 per month.

Sheppard Memorial Library

Mr. Willie Nelms, Executive Director of Sheppard Memorial Library, explained that the Sheppard Memorial Library budget includes funds for a market adjustment in accordance with the recommendation by the City Manager. It reflects a 5.5 percent increase in health insurance and an 11% increase in utility costs. The cost of renting parking spaces runs out this year and needs to be renewed. The impact of inflation is included in the budget. There is a two percent increase in books and a seven percent increase in publications. The biggest increase comes from opening the Winterville Library. State aid is based on the current use appropriation. Other various receipts are based on projects dealing with current year income through current time. There is a 2.21 percent total increase over the current year being requested from the City. There is an \$8,424 increase over the original request, \$4,212 from the City and \$4,212 from the County.

Public Hearing on FY 2004-05 City of Greenville, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Greenville Utilities Commission and Sheppard Memorial Library Budgets

Mayor Parrott declared the public hearing open and solicited comments from the audience.

Mr. George Hamilton of Lakewood Pines asked the Council to not confuse wants with needs. He asked that another tax burden not be put on the citizens if the tax increase is for wants and not needs. Government needs to be a solution to the problem and not be the problem. He thanked the Council for their efforts on the budget.

Mr. Dan Powers stated that 39% of the budget will be paid for by property owners. He asked the Council to remember the citizens who elect them.

Comments from the Mayor and City Council on the City of Greenville, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Greenville Utilities Commission and Sheppard Memorial Library Budgets

Mayor Parrott stated that the Council will be voting on the budgets at the June 10, 2004 City Council meeting.

Concerns and questions of individual Council Members along with responses by staff were as follows:

- The only revenue tax we can collect as a Council without special legislation from Raleigh is property tax. We have talked about other taxes, but they have to be approved by the State. It may be time for us to visit some of those as a group and see which ones would benefit the City. We need to continue to look for additional revenue sources and work with the County Commissioners on that.
- On the new hires, the firemen need to be hired. The other eight positions need to be looked at. There is concern about the two engineering positions because the openings the City has now can't be filled.
(RESPONSE: Most of the funds for funding of the engineers will come from the Powell Bill. One of the positions is for Phase II of the traffic signal system largely funded by State

maintenance contract. One is for the stormwater utility and will be paid from the Stormwater Utility Fund.)

- The Council should look at some way to cut 1/2 cent off of the proposed tax rate. There may be other positions that can be deleted to accomplish that.
- In fairness to the staff, the City Council has been through the budget many times. It is a catch-up budget. The budget is driven by capital needs. We are not privy to firm prices of construction costs. Some people say we need to be in basic services; others say we need more public service and more government control. You try to balance all the requests from the citizens. This is a balancing act. If we postpone a tax increase, we will pay the price. We may be raising the tax rate one or two cents more than we would like, but we are competitive with eastern North Carolina cities and are growing rapidly. We need to instruct staff if we want to change anything tonight.
- I don't think the personnel being requested is an exorbitant amount. We didn't add any positions last year. The persons added the last two years have been for the Police Department. A one-cent tax increase generates \$367,000.
- No one wants to increase taxes. We are all property owners. I look at our neighbors and our surrounding communities. We are not out of line. The property tax per capital is \$420 in Wilmington and \$288 in Greenville. Growth creates the need for capital improvements. The increase is for capital projects. We have looked at the capital projects budget and narrowed it down to some very needed services. If we cut, we have to cut capital projects. I don't see how we can cut personnel. We haven't had personnel increases in the last couple of years. Employees went two years without basic increases in compensation. Our employees have had a very small increase in salary.
- The County Commissioners are also considering a tax increase. The citizens of Greenville are hit twice. You can't run the City without personnel or giving the proper amount of services. There are a lot of cities and states that are doing a lot of cutting back. This is the reverse of Robin Hood. Many people cannot afford another tax increase. We do have elderly citizens who cannot afford to pay more than they do now. They have to make a choice between food and medicine. It is not unrealistic for the citizens to ask us to work a little more. We were elected to devote as much time as necessary to make the citizens feel comfortable with what they are doing. I appeal to the Council that there needs to be further discussion about this. We need more Council discussion. We have already had presentations.
- There are nine or ten positions. One of those is 1/4 to make it full time. Less than \$50,000 is being requested from the General Fund for three engineers. They are being paid mostly from the Powell Bill and Stormwater Funds. Program Assistant, Accounting Technician II, Technical Support, all of that comes to \$200,000 from the General Fund.
- We talk about improving technology at almost every meeting. You can't do that without the people to make it happen.
- I am encouraging citizens that whatever is decided that they utilize our services more. Things are here for you to use. It is not fair for the employees to be jeopardized for the citizens. We don't need to work them to death and expect them to not have what they need to do the work. We have the citizens who utilize what we have and some don't utilize them. Whatever the decision is, the citizens need to step up and pay attention to what is going on. Everybody would feel better about the outcome. A lot of times we don't utilize the opportunities.

- We talk a lot about efficiencies. At some point in the near future, we need to seriously look at whether there are services we can coordinate with Greenville Utilities so we don't duplicate the services and efficiencies. If we are going to move forward with that, we need to allocate funds.
- Over the next few months, I would like to see a committee to work together with Greenville Utilities to explore the possibility of saving money through working together more than we have.
- What is the revenue neutral rate?
(RESPONSE: 52.1 cents)
- Can we get the tax rate for the FY 2004-05 budget year to 55 cents?
(RESPONSE: We had to make a decision on setting a rate, not knowing what that will entail. We will have to cut out or delay some capital projects if the tax rate is reduced.)
- Or reduce operating costs.
- Personnel increases or those eight positions, we could look at those positions again starting in the new fiscal year, explore them and see if they are as needed as we think they are.
- We have a lot of money in contracted services. What do we spend it for?
(RESPONSE: A lot of contracted services are for such things as auditors, collection of taxes by Pitt County, maintenance of radio equipment and radios, and grass cutting for the cemeteries. We have tried to use contracted services when we have maintenance items and when we have an opportunity to use it to be cost effective.)
- In many instances, we have had people to retire, fill their position and hire the person to come back and work. What is the deal? We need to get out of a spending trend. An example is having six Durangos instead of Crown Victorias. Sometimes we do things without considering the consequences.
- The bulk of our budget and any potential tax increase is directly related to capital projects and I don't see how we can get away with putting them off any longer. I would like for the staff to have the opportunity to look at some of the positions and see if we can save 1/2 to 1 cent and give us something to look at in Notes to Council Wednesday. Maybe we can use fund balance to offset it. The citizens of Greenville are going to get hit harder this year than ever due to the County and City increases. We don't need to sacrifice the capital projects.
- I have been proposing that industries pay taxes. Other cities make them do it. They should be paying taxes. We are missing a lot of money. Other cities do it.
(RESPONSE That is a local policy choice. When the Greenville Industrial Area was designated, there was discussion about it remaining outside the corporate limits of the City. The Industrial area is not in the City. The discussion has come up many times before to annex this industrial area. In order to accomplish this, they would either have to petition to be annexed or the City would have to involuntarily annex them. They would have to meet statutory standards. They are provided water and sewer service by Greenville Utilities. In an indirect way, we are going to talk about it when the County takes over EMS and paramedic level service. It is something that could be looked at and we need Council direction to do that. The pros are that we would get revenues to provide for the service of the City that everyone enjoys. The con would be that it would be detrimental for industry to come into the community.)
- I would like to do a survey so that Council Members know other cities charge taxes. They come and they go and don't do their fair share. They are not giving that much.

- That would be some interesting information. Most industrial areas are located outside. It would be interesting to see. It would be interesting to see our industrial employer rate as compared to them. We shouldn't take it out on our employees.
- We need to look at the golf course. Do we want to continue to throw money into it? A lot of cities are privatizing the golf courses. That would be a good feasibility study to see.
(RESPONSE: It is not losing money. The golf course is operating on its own as a separate enterprise fund. This is what we proposed when we purchased the golf course. We thought it would take three years to break even, and it did it the first year. In leasing golf courses, private companies will pay four to five percent of golf income for the lease. If you lease it for the amount of money, which is the going rate, we would be in a deficit.)

Mayor Parrott stated that the City Council has expended a great deal of time on the budget, and it was approached seriously. The request for additional employees is not a large amount, and three of those are funded through other funds (excluding the 12 firefighters that are needed for Station No. 6.) Providing the quality of fire service that the City provides and having the number of stations it has, helps reduce homeowners insurance premiums. Mayor Parrott asked staff to come back to the City Council with anything they might be able to put on hold.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AND CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITIES WITHIN 2004-05 ANNUAL PLAN FOR THE CDBG AND HOME PROGRAMS

Interim Director of Planning and Community Development Merrill Flood reported to the Council that the current Consolidated Plan covers FY 2004-08 and identifies activities proposed for the upcoming 2004-05 year. All proposed activities will be conducted within the 45-Block Revitalization Area unless otherwise stated, and they all address needs identified in the Consolidated Plan. The proposed activities are as follows:

ACTIVITY	HOME FUNDS	CDBG FUNDS	REALLOCATED FUNDING*	TOTAL
Administration	31,762	175,000		206,762
Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation	103,084	376,916	32,154	512,154
Acquisition/Land Assembly		265,784		265,784
Secondary Mortgage Assistance	112,279		17,721	130,000
Nonprofit Assistance		144,300		144,300
Total	247,125	962,000	49,875	1,259,000

*These funds were reallocated by the Pitt County HOME Consortium to the City of Greenville. Funds were recaptured from the Town of Grifton's 1999-2000 HOME award for timeliness issues.

The nonprofit assistance proposed is as follows:

ORGANIZATION	PURPOSE	FUNDING
Greenville Community Shelter	Renovations to facility	23,141
New Directions Family Violence Center	Renovations to facility	13,275
Habitat	Acquisition of real property, infrastructure, and demolition	20,000
Affordable Housing CDC	Homeownership Counseling	30,000
Strive	Employment Training— Purchase of Computers	22,250
Martin County Community Action	Urgent Repairs for L/M persons citywide	35,634
Total		144,300

Mr. Flood stated that the first public hearing was conducted at the March 11, 2004 City Council meeting and allowed public input into these activities. The plan was made available from May 3 through June 3, 2004 for public review and comment. Neighborhood meetings were also held in an effort to encourage citizen participation. The Affordable Housing Loan Committee reviewed the proposed plan and recommended approval of the plan by City Council. The June 7 public hearing represents the final public hearing before the plan is submitted to HUD for review and approval. The process identified on page 5 builds these dates in accordance with plan preparation including public comment periods and submission timeframes. Activities will begin on or about August 1, following approval of the Annual Plan and the Release of Funds by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Mr. Flood was asked to give an update on the school on Bonners Lane, and he replied that the Bonners Lane Project began in 1997, and the purpose was to clear dilapidated structures. Those activities were placed on hold until the Redevelopment Plan could be completed. At this point, staff has stopped activities except for those properties they had outstanding offers on.

Upon being asked what the City is going to do with the houses that it has rehabbed on Bonners Lane, Mr. Flood responded that the City may move them to City-owned lots and make them available for homeownership.

Concern was expressed by Council Member Glover about the Plan including funds for computers when there is money available from other sources for that.

Mr. Flood stated that for the economic development portion of the application, the City would get points. The City has not met the objectives for the economic development portion in the past. This makes it better for the hard to employ. The request was to help with job skills. We can look at that for future requests. It is for public training.

Mayor Parrott declared the public hearing open and solicited comments from the audience. There being none, the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Miller and seconded by Council Member Craft to adopt the resolution endorsing the submission of the 2004-2005 annual plan. Motion carried unanimously. (Resolution No. 04-19; Document No. 04-08)

PRESENTATION OF MID-TERM REPORT BY THE TASK FORCE ON THE PRESERVATION OF NEIGHBORHOODS AND HOUSING

Ms. Mary Clairbile, Chairman of the Task Force on the Preservation of Neighborhoods and Housing informed the Council that the Task Force has met each of the past three months and will meet two times in June. The efforts have been toward identifying issues and geographic areas that will form the basis for the development of recommendations to the City Council aimed at bolstering the quality of life and livability of Greenville's single-family neighborhoods. Efforts at issue identification have included staff led exercises and presentations as well as a public forum where input was received from a substantial number of citizens. The issues identified, in the order of concern, include the following:

- Percentage of rental versus percentage of owner-occupied
- Manpower to enforce codes/police presence
- Crime/vandalism/perceptions of crime
- Unpredictability of zoning decisions
- Fair/adequate enforcement of codes
- Inconsistent levels of maintenance upkeep/appearance
- Negative behavior/nonconforming behavior
- Coordination among city departments
- Litter/Trash
- Traffic/Parking/Speeding
- Declining property value (changing character)

During the public forum held to determine what the public feels the issues are, the following were identified:

Need for increased enforcement of:

- Front yard parking regulations
- Noise regulations
- Alcohol laws
- Basketball/other games in street
- Yard/lawn maintenance regulations

Issues related to rental housing including:

- Quantity of rentals in neighborhoods
- Lack of maintenance
- Conversions from owner-occupied to rental
- Family care homes
- Rental business licensing

Development issues

- Adherence to Comprehensive Plan
- Perceived overbuilding of multi-family dwelling units
- Historic district regulations perceived as a disincentive to repairs/upgrade

JOINT RESOLUTION BETWEEN THE CITY OF GREENVILLE AND THE PITT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO WORK TOGETHER ON A NEW SCHOOL SITE ON BONNERS LANE - ADOPTED

City Manager Davis reported that the proposed resolution will begin a study of a new elementary school in the Bonners Lane area. The preliminary study would determine the feasibility of establishing an elementary school at a designated location to assist in the new facility becoming a reality while ensuring that the potential expense, process, timeframe, merits, and detriments are known and an informed decision made. The feasibility study would be regarding the establishment of an elementary school in the area of Dickinson Avenue, Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Fourteenth Street and Pitt Street.

Council Members Council and Glover expressed concern about not having had any input into this matter which involves their districts. They expressed that they need to talk about this more as a Council so that the Council Members can take it back and discuss it with the citizens they represent.

Mayor Parrott stated that there had to be preliminary talks to get anything started. He has tried to form partnerships; however, he has never made a decision or told anyone anything was decided until it was voted on by the Council.

City Manager Davis stated that it was originally mentioned when the Council took a tour of the 45-block revitalization area. At that time, there was authorization to study it as a concept. That is where we are now. This is the kick-off for this Council to start studying this, to share it with the community. It has limitations of cost and physical size. The action being requested tonight is simply to allow them to collect information, bring it back and talk about the next steps.

Motion was made by Council Member Dunn and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Miller to adopt the resolution directing that a preliminary study be conducted of the feasibility for the establishment of an elementary school within the revitalization area. Motion carried unanimously. (Resolution No. 04-20)

JOINT RESOLUTION BETWEEN THE CITY OF GREENVILLE AND THE PITT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION REGARDING EXPANSION OF SADIE SAULTER SCHOOL – ADOPTED

Motion was made by Council Member Dunn and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Miller to adopt the resolution directing that a preliminary study be conducted of the feasibility for the expansion of Sadie Saulter Elementary School. Motion carried unanimously. (Resolution No. 04-21)

ACCEPTANCE OF PARKS AND RECREATION TRUST FUND (PARTF) GRANT FOR GUY SMITH STADIUM

Mr. Boyd Lee, Director of Recreation and Parks, informed the Council that the Parks and Recreation Trust FUND (PARTF) Grant for \$250,000 was approved by the PARTF Committee in Raleigh. There were 74 grant applications and 32 were approved. This is the third grant for \$250,000 in the past four years, and it is a 50-50 matching grant. This year's funds will be used to make much needed renovations to Guy Smith Stadium, the swimming pool, and surrounding parking lots. He asked the Council to accept the grant for improvements to the Guy Smith Stadium park area.

Motion was made by Council Member Craft and seconded by Council Member Little to accept the grant for improvements to the Guy Smith Stadium park area. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF VICTIMS' ADVOCACY GRANT FROM THE GOVERNOR'S CRIME COMMISSION

Chief of Police Joe Simonowich, informed the Council that the Greenville Police Department's Family Services Unit has applied for and been approved to receive a two-year grant in the amount of \$65,000 from the Governor's Crime Commission for a non-sworn victims' advocate position. The duties of this position will include assisting victims of domestic violence, making arrest notifications, assisting with Domestic Violence Protection Orders, acting as liaison between domestic violence victims and investigation officers, and providing a collaborative response to domestic violence victims in conjunction with the Pitt County Family Violence Program. This additional position will help offset the 28% increase in the Family Services Unit overall caseload since 2001 and the 42% increase in Domestic Violence Protection Orders since 2003. The intent of this program is to provide a higher quality of service through better communication between the Police Department and domestic violence victims and to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of enforcement efforts by reducing the officers' administrative workload that is inherent to domestic violence cases. The Family Services Unit Supervisor will oversee this program and supervise the new position. The appropriate percentage (approximately 17%) of that supervisor's salary will serve as the required 20% matching funds thus requiring no additional funding from the City. The first year funding for this position is 100% grant funded. This funding covers the salary and benefits totaling \$33,895.83 for one non-sworn employee for one year and \$1500 for supplies and operating expenses. The remaining grant funds of \$29,604.17 will be applied to the salary for the second year. The balance of approximately \$6,000 will be requested in the Police Department's FY 2005-06 budget. At the conclusion of the second year of this program, the Greenville Police Department has the option to discontinue the program and eliminate the position, seek additional grant funding, or add the position to the budget. Chief Simonowich asked the Council to accept the Governor's Crime Commission grant in the amount of \$65,000 for the non-sworn Victims' Advocate position.

Motion was made by Council Member Craft and seconded by Council Member Dunn to accept the Governor's Crime Commission grant in the amount of \$65,000 for the non-sworn Victims' Advocate position. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE FOR LIMOUSINE FRANCHISE FOR STACEY ANN ANDERSON D/B/A GOODNESS AND GRACE

City Attorney Dave Holec presented the Council with an ordinance that would grant a limousine franchise to Stacey Ann Anderson d/b/a Goodness and Grace. The second reading of the ordinance and public hearing is scheduled for June 10, 2004. Staff has no problem with the request.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Miller and seconded by Council Member Council to approve on first reading the ordinance granting a limousine franchise to Stacey Ann Anderson d/b/a Goodness and Grace. Motion carried unanimously.

The ordinance as approved on first reading read as follows:

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AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A LIMOUSINE FRANCHISE
FOR STACEY ANN ANDERSON D/B/A GOODNESS AND GRACE

WHEREAS, the City of Greenville is authorized by G.S. 160A-304 to license and regulate all vehicles operated for hire within the City of Greenville; and

WHEREAS, the City of Greenville has adopted an ordinance, Title 1 of Chapter 11 of the Greenville City Code, requiring the operators of limousine businesses within the City to obtain a franchise from the City permitting said operation, and said ordinance sets forth certain requirements and criteria that must be satisfied in order to obtain and maintain the franchise for the operation of a taxicab business; and

WHEREAS, Stacey Ann Anderson d/b/a Goodness and Grace is an applicant for a franchise permitting the operation of one limousine within the City limits; and

WHEREAS, following investigation into the qualifications of the applicant, the City Council has determined that the applicant satisfies the requirements and conditions for the operation of a limousine business within the City and have presented evidence substantiating the public convenience and necessity of such a business;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Greenville City Council that:

Section 1. A taxicab franchise is hereby issued to Stacey Ann Anderson d/b/a Goodness and Grace to permit the operation within the City of Greenville of one limousine.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 3. Any part or provision of this ordinance found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be in violation of the Constitution or laws of the United States or North Carolina is

hereby deemed severable and shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of the ordinance.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

First reading passed on this the 7th day of June, 2004.

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REVIEW OF JUNE 10, 2004 CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

The Council did a cursory review of the items on the June 10, 2004 City Council Meeting agenda and reviewed the appointments to Boards and Commissions.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Dunn thanked the Task Force on Neighborhoods and Housing for the diligent work they have been doing.

Council Member Council stated that on June 12 at 10:30 there will be a Walk for the Hungry beginning at the Eppes Center. The food will go to the food agencies.

Council Member Council stated that the Carol Wilson Caldwell Banquet will be held on June 5.

Council Member Council thanked those who supported the graduating seniors. She stated that a cruise on the Henrietta III in Wilmington has been planned for them. She congratulated all graduates, particularly her son, Logan, who will be attending Morehouse College.

Council Member Council stated that she wants to work with the Superintendent to get more scholarships and to promote scholarship opportunities.

Mayor Parrott congratulated the East Carolina University Baseball Team and wished them the best of luck in Columbia.

Mayor Parrott stated that the Rose High School Baseball team is playing for the State Championship this weekend.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Reminder of Town Hall Day on Wednesday, June 9, 2004

City Manager Davis reminded the Council of Town Hall Day that will be held Wednesday, June 9, in Raleigh.

Boards and Commissions Recognition Reception – June 22, 4:30-6:00 p.m., at the Museum of Art

City Manager Davis reminded the Council of the Boards and Commission Reception to be held June 22 from 4:30 until 6:00 p.m. at the Museum of Art.

Report on Matching Funds Commitment of \$84,000 for Charles Street Enhancement Grant Applications

City Manager Davis stated that a \$84,000 Charles Street Enhancement grant has been applied for, subject to a match. East Carolina University has agreed to an \$84,000 commitment for the grant match. An application has been made, and staff will not know for several months whether it has been successful.

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Council Member Dunn and seconded by Council Member Craft to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda T. Elks, CMC
City Clerk